

WILLIAM E. COFFIN JR.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

THOMAS RAY,

Petitioner,

Civil No. 07-115-TC

v.

FINDINGS AND  
RECOMMENDATION

HARDY MEYERS,

Respondent.

COFFIN, Magistrate Judge.

Petitioner's Amended Petition (#27) indicates that he has a state court direct appeal pending.

A state prisoner must exhaust all available state remedies either on direct appeal or through collateral proceedings (eg. state post-conviction relief) before a federal court may consider federal habeas corpus relief. 28

U.S.C. § 2254(b) (1); O'Sullivan v. Boerckel, 526 U.S. 838, 842 (1999); Coleman v. Thompson, 501 U.S. 722 (1991) [requiring dismissal of federal petition unless all available state remedies as to all federal claims are exhausted]. The essence of the requirement is that no state remedy exists at the time the petition was filed. RTose v. Lundy, 455 U.S. 509 (1982). A prisoner satisfies the exhaustion requirement by "fairly presenting" his claims to the highest state court with jurisdiction to consider them , thereby "afford[ing] the state courts meaningful opportunity to consider [the] allegations of legal error." Vasquez v. Hillary, 474 U.S. 254 (1986); see also, Duncan v. Henry, 513 U.S. 364 (1995). In Oregon, this requirement is satisfied when the claim is fairly presented to the state supreme court. Peterson v. Lampert, 319 F.3d 1153, 1156 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003).

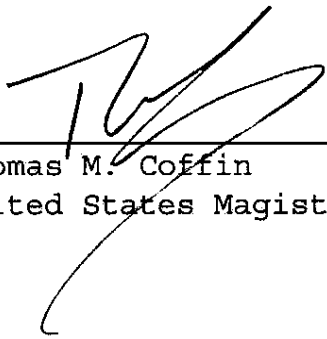
In this case, petitioner's pending appeal constitutes an unexhausted state court remedy. Therefore, this proceeding is premature and this court is without jurisdiction to entertain petitioner's claims.

Petitioner's Amended Petition (#27) should be denied without prejudice. This proceeding should be dismissed.

This recommendation is not an order that is immediately

appealable to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Any notice of appeal pursuant to Rule 4(a)(1), Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, should not be filed until entry of the district court's judgment or appealable order. The parties shall have ten days from the date of service of a copy of this recommendation within which to file specific written objections. Failure to timely file objections to any factual determinations of the Magistrate Judge will be considered a waiver of a party's right to de novo consideration of the factual issue and will constitute a waiver of a party's right to appellate review of the findings of fact in an order or judgment entered pursuant to the Magistrate Judges's recommendation.

DATED this 3 day of December, 2007.



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Thomas M. Coffin  
United States Magistrate Judge